

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 4/3/2008 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant has amended to incorporate the features of dependant claims into the remaining the independent claims. Since applicant's amendments do not overcome the present rejection the previous rejection is maintained.

Applicant argues features which are beyond the features that have been disclosed in the present pending claims. Applicant makes references to the specification, to draw features in, but examiner notes, not all of these features are claimed. Applicant specifically argues matching the link, but no where in the claims does this feature appear. The claims do discuss comparing the link destination, but this is not the same as what the applicant has argued, therefor applicant's arguments fail to persuade the examiner.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1, 6, 7, 14, and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Monroe et al. (U.S Patent Application Publication 2002/0097322). Applicant is suggested to review Berner et al. (United States Patent 5,977,967) if they are unfamiliar with a pull down box (combo box).

For claim 1, Monroe teaches, an information exchange method used for furnishing, according to an instruction from a server, to terminal devices, a given number of pieces of real-time and/or live streaming video information out of a plurality of pieces of real-time and/or live streaming video information that are gathered by a plurality of information gathering devices, (Monroe, paragraphs 56, 57, camera, array)

said server being adapted to link each of said terminal devices to the information gathering device that gathers a given number of pieces of real-time and/or live streaming video information that are asked for from its linked terminal device, out of said plurality information gathering devices, said server being also adapted to direct the information gathering devices to deliver the given number of pieces of real-time and/or live streaming video information to their linked terminal device, (Monroe, paragraph 61, 42 real-time)

each of said terminal devices being adapted to produce video image including a given number of real-time and/or live streaming video images that are received from the

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predetermined number of information gathering devices and display it on a predetermined certain screen. (Monroe, paragraph 57, array 4, 9, or 16)

wherein said server sends a link destination setting table to each of said terminal devices, the link destination setting table containing links to said information gathering devices, (Monroe, paragraph 88, camera IDs)

each of said terminal devices accesses its linked information gathering device(s) according to the link destination setting table. (Monroe, paragraph 72, 61, stations, group list, paragraph 88, camera ID)

wherein said server or said information gathering devices hold(s) the link destination setting table that has been sent to each of said terminal devices, (Monroe, paragraph 91, pull down list)

each of said terminal devices being adapted to send the link destination setting table to said server or said information gathering devices upon access to its linked information gathering device(s), (Monroe, paragraph 97, dragged and dropped screen)

said server or said information gathering devices comparing the link destination setting table that is held therein with the link destination setting table that is sent from said terminal devices upon access to their linked information gathering devices in order to

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control access by said terminal devices. (Monroe, paragraph 61, display station, paragraph 91, pull down list)

For claim 6, Monroe teaches, the information exchange method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said information gathering device is a content server that provides a desired content to said terminal device. (Monroe, paragraph 61, video)

For claim 7, Monroe teaches, an information processor used for furnishing, to terminal devices, a given number of pieces of streaming video information out of a plurality of pieces of real-time and/or live streaming video information that are gathered by a plurality of information gathering devices, comprising:

acceptance means for accepting a request from each of said terminal devices;
(Monroe, paragraph 61, video)

and linking means for linking each of said terminal devices to the information gathering device that gathers a given number of pieces of real-time and/or live streaming video information that are asked for from its linked terminal device, out of said plurality of information gathering devices, in response to a request that has been accepted by said acceptance means from each of said terminal devices. (Monroe, paragraph 61, 42 real-time video, paragraph 65, address)

comprising link destination setting table sending means for sending, to each of said terminal devices, a link destination setting table having link destinations, each of said

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terminal devices being permitted to link to said information gathering devices that are specified by said link destinations. (Monroe, paragraph 72, 61, stations, group list, paragraph 88, camera ID)

comprising access control means that holds the link destination setting table that has been sent to each of said terminal devices, said access control means comparing the link destination setting table that is held therein with the link destination setting table that is sent from said terminal devices upon access to their linked information gathering devices in order to control access by said terminal devices. (Monroe, paragraph 72, 61, stations, group list, paragraph 88, camera ID)

For claim 14, Monroe teaches, an information gathering system comprising:

a plurality of information gathering devices that gather real-time and/or live streaming video information; (Monroe, paragraph 61, video)

and a server which is adapted to accept a request from a terminal device and to link said terminal device to the information gathering device that gathers the real-time and/or live streaming video information that is asked for from said terminal device, said server being also adapted to direct said information gathering device to send the real-time and/or live streaming video information to said terminal device. (Monroe, paragraph 85, video screen)

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wherein said server sends a link destination setting table to said terminal device, the link destination setting table containing links to said information gathering devices, said terminal device accesses its linked information gathering device(s) according to the link destination setting table. (Monroe, paragraph 72, 61, stations, group list, paragraph 88, camera ID)

wherein said server or said information gathering devices hold(s) the link destination setting table that has been sent to said terminal device, said terminal device being adapted to send the link destination setting table to said server or said information gathering devices upon access to its linked information gathering device(s), said server or said information gathering devices comparing the link destination setting table that is held therein with the link destination setting table that is sent from said terminal device upon access to its linked information gathering device(s) in order to control access by said terminal device. (Monroe, paragraph 72, 61, stations, group list, paragraph 88, camera ID)

For claim 17, Monroe teaches, an information gathering system comprising:

a plurality of information gathering devices that gather real-time and/or live streaming video information; (Monroe, paragraph 61, real-time)

and a server which is adapted to accept a request from a terminal device and to direct the information gathering device that gathers real-time and/or live streaming video information that is asked for from said terminal device, to send the real-time and/or live

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streaming video information to said terminal device. (Monroe, paragraph 61, real-time, paragraph 65 address)

wherein said server sends a link destination setting table to said terminal device, the link destination setting table containing links to said information gathering devices, said terminal device accesses its linked information gathering device(s) according to the link destination setting table. (Monroe, paragraph 72, 61, stations, group list, paragraph 88, camera ID)

wherein said server or said information gathering devices hold(s) the link destination setting table that has been sent to said terminal device, said terminal device being adapted to send the link destination setting table to said server or said information gathering devices upon access to its linked information gathering device(s), said server or said information gathering devices comparing the link destination setting table that is held therein with the link destination setting table that is sent from said terminal device upon access to its linked information gathering device(s) in order to control access by said terminal device. (Monroe, paragraph 72, 61, stations, group list, paragraph 88, camera ID)

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. See attached Notice of references cited (if appropriate).

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to AJAY BHATIA whose telephone number is (571)272-3906. The examiner can normally be reached on M-H 9:00-3:30, Also please fax interview requests to 571-273-3906.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jason Cardone can be reached on 571-272-3933. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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